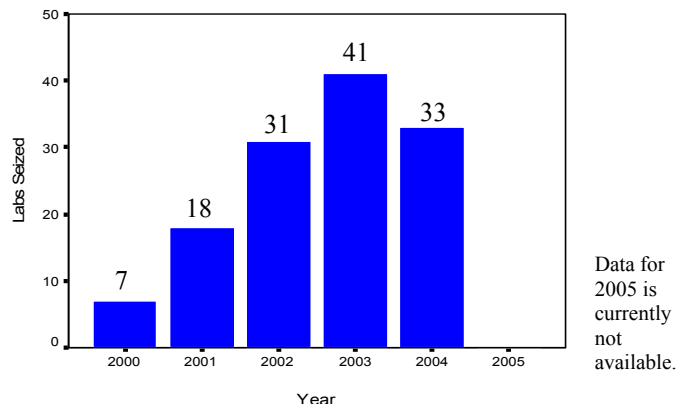


# METH IN SOUTH DAKOTA

## METH LABS SEIZED SINCE 2000:



## LOCATION OF METH:

60% Rural  
40% Urban

## ORIGIN OF METH:

Meth was first encountered in South Dakota in 2001. Since then there appears to be no “leveling off” in the lab seizures or referrals for meth treatment.

## IMPACT OF LAW LIMITING SALE OF COLD MEDICINE:

The South Dakota law was enacted on July 1, 2005. The new law limits the sale or purchase of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products to two packages per customer. The law also stipulates that if pseudoephedrine is the sole active ingredient, the product must be behind the counter or in a locked case; if pseudoephedrine is in combination with other active ingredients the product may be on the shelf within 20 feet of the counter. The impact of the new law will be measured in January of 2006, after the law has been in effect for 6 months.

## METH WATCH PROGRAM:

South Dakota established Meth Alert approximately two years ago, which is managed by the Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention Project of South Dakota.

## IMPACT OF METH ON TRAFFIC SAFETY:

South Dakota does not currently monitor traffic safety in regards to meth's impact.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE:

The Division of Criminal Investigation and local law enforcement training academies include training relating to meth labs, signs and symptoms of meth users, and other general meth information.

## CHILDREN IN SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEM DUE TO METH:

Current estimates show that approximately 110 children are in South Dakota's foster care system due to meth.

## PROTECTING DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN:

South Dakota does not currently implement any Drug Endangered Children protocols.

## REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT:

South Dakota recently instituted a meth specific treatment program in their prison system, however the program is in its initial phases and no empirical data is currently available. South Dakota also has two meth specific community treatment programs. One has been in operation for one year and one was recently opened. Outcome data is being collected and analyzed, but is not yet available for release.

## CLEANING UP METH LABS:

While South Dakota does not have a state law concerning the clean up of meth labs, the Governor's Statewide Methamphetamine Taskforce has assembled the *Guidelines for Contamination Reduction: Proven Practices for the Cleanup of Methamphetamine Laboratories*, which is a compilation of laws and regulations from Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota, and Washington.

## BEST PRACTICES:

- ◆ Cooperative effort between the state and the Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention Project of South Dakota to target public awareness, education, and training efforts across South Dakota.

**For more information about South Dakota's efforts to fight the war against meth please contact the Department of Human Resources at 605-773-5990**



